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Happy July Bigs! We have LOTS of awesome things going on this month! Please sign up for all of these fun things . This is the month to get to a Baseball game, go see Blue Man Group (a new show) and introduce your little (and you!!) a NEW sport: Ultimate Frisbee! Big Dave Wood is the Head Coach of the Chicago Union – Professional American Ultimate Disc League! You and your little can learn at the clinic and then watch the Pros play!!!

ALSO July is the month we launch the Big's Leadership Council. This new organization has been created to support Bigs and Matches. The BLC is a new, Big-led group of volunteers tasked with improving the experience of our Bigs and increasing our strong sense of volunteer community. The committee consists of three committees (Social, Big Peers, and Slack), each tasked with driving our Big community forward in different ways. You should have received an email this morning – please review it. The part of the BLC I am most excited about is the new SLACK channel ---- I will have a great place to communicate all sorts of opportunities without spamming your email in boxes! [SLACK SIGN UP RIGHT HERE!!!](#) Reach out with any questions!

	<p>For all you SOX FANS – you asked for tickets – HERE YOU GO!!!!</p> <p>JULY 6th 7:10 pm Chicago White Sox v Toronto White Sox Guaranteed Rate Field 333 W 35th St, Chicago, IL 60616</p> <p>Email steffen@bbbschgo.org for tickets</p>
	<p>BLUE MAN GROUP has just made some changes to their show & they are looking to get the word out & some BUZZ.</p> <p>We are GREAT at BUZZ! We have tickets for:</p> <p>Saturday July 8th at 8pm Monday July 10th @ 8pm Tuesday July 11th @ 8pm</p> <p>steffen@bbbschgo.org for tickets!</p>
	<p>Chicago Union of the American Ultimate Disc League (AUDL)</p> <p>July 8th 5:00 – 6:30 Ultimate Frisbee Clinic – Learn the basics to Ultimate Frisbee from Pros on the Chicago Union Disc League Team. Matches will meet at Parente Field, 3427 S Wabash Ave, Chicago, IL 60616 Learn the basics of Ultimate Frisbee, practicing and we'll have a friendly scrimmage. Stay and watch the team after the scrimmage!</p>

	<p>steffen@bbbschgo.org to sign up</p>
	<p>July 8th 6:30 Watch the Chicago Union take on the Pittsburgh Thunderbirds at DE LA SALLE INSTITUTE 3434 S Michigan Ave, Chicago, IL 60616. Games last about 2 hours and are fast paced and exciting, Ultimate is just like Football or Rugby. One team must advance the disc in to the opposing team's end zone in order to score a point. However, unlike Football and Rugby, you can't run with the disc in Ultimate. steffen@bbbschgo.org for tickets!</p>
	<p>GOAT YOGA Whether you're there for the unique connection between yourself and the goats through yoga or you would like some photo ops, you'll find that all participants—including our goats—are treated with respect and good cheer. Sunday, July 9th, 3PM GlennArt Farm 5749 W. Midway Park, Chicago Email steffen@bbbschgo.org to register.</p>
	<p>PAWS – BBBS VOLUNTEER DAY JULY 15th 1:00pm-3:00pm Littles must be 12+ Paws Medical Center (3516 W. 26th Street): short orientation/tour/service project/animal socialization time SIGN UP HERE! (limited to 10 matches)</p>
	<p>WEDNESDAY, JULY 19, 2023 Concert: 8:00 Gates Open 5:00 Meet the Mahlers: Gustav's Fifth and Alma's Songs with the CSO 2x Grammy Winner Sasha Cooke Returns to Ravinia! Email steffen@bbbschgo.org</p>
	<p>BBBS WEST MONROE CAREER EXPLORATION EXPOSURE DAY July 21st, 10-2:30 PM 311 W. Monroe St., Chicago, IL, 60606 FOR High School Littles – PLEASE ENCOURAGE YOUR LITTLE TO SIGN UP!!!! This action packed workshop will expose students to Business and Tech careers! It will be a fun and meaningful day! Bigs will not attend</p>
	<p>WNBA CHICAGO SKY TICKETS!!!! <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tuesday, July 25 v Las Vegas Aces @ 6:00 PM CT • Friday, July 28 v Seattle Storm @ 7:00 PM CT • Sunday, July 30 v Phoenix Mercury @3:00 PM CT Email steffen@bbbschgo.org</p>
	<p>CHICAGO DOGS ROSEMONT, IL Impact Field 9850 Balmoral Ave, Rosemont, IL Wednesday, July 26th @ 6:30pm Tuesday, August 8th @ 6:30pm Friday, August 18th @ 6:30pm Wednesday, August 30th @ 6:30pm Email steffen@bbbschgo.org for tickets</p>
	<p>The Color Factory</p>



233 South Wacker Drive, Lower Level 2

- Tickets based on availability
- Sunday through Thursday (10 AM-7PM)
- Friday & Saturday (9AM – 8 PM)
- Book by Emailing John Connors jconnors@colorfactory.co. (801 231 1112)
- Include BBBS in subject line
- Text if Urgent



Sneakerhead University
 133 S State St
 BBBSCHI DISCOUNT CODE: TeamBig
 Any design workshop (non BYOB)
 Adult: 54.99 (was 89.99)
 Child: 49.99 (was 84.99)
 This base fee covers our instructor fee and materials that will be used during the customization! We look forward to creating with you!
<https://shuexperience.com/>



Chicago's Sky Deck
 233 S Wacker Dr, Chicago, IL 60606:

- tickets based on availability.
- Monday through Thursday (9AM-10PM)
- Friday, Saturday & Sunday (9 to 10 AM)
- Sunset hours will not be available (6:30-7:30)
- Book by Emailing Andres ACarino@theskydeck.com
- (312.875.9449)
- <https://theskydeck.com/>



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CHICAGO CUBS
<https://forms.gle/URz8z7mJcLwhKEYk9>

Sign up for any games you are interested in. I will email you about two weeks prior & confirm your attendance. Sign up – it's GREAT FUN!!!



Email steffen@bbbschgo.org for tickets



HARRIS THEATER for music and dance
[Upcoming Events](#)
 Email steffen@bbbschgo.org for tickets for ANY event!



Brooklyn Boulders - discount
 100 S Morgan St, Chicago, IL 60607
<https://brooklynboulders.com/chicago/>
 \$15/person pass which includes gear rental
 Slots are reserved for BBBSCHI on
 Sat/Sun 10-6:30
[Parent Waiver Required](#)

Mark Your calendars:
BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS CHICAGO
BACK TO SCHOOL SHOPPING EVENT
August 5th 10-2
 BBBSCHI Office
 560 W Lake, 1st Floor



[Sign Up Here](#)

**BBBSCHI
FIELD DAY**

PRESENTED BY
DICK'S SPORTING GOODS

JOIN US AT INDEPENDENCE PARK
SATURDAY AUGUST 19TH FROM 10AM TO 12PM

RSVP



[FIELD DAY SIGN UP](#)

Join BBBSCHI and Dick's Sporting Goods for a FUN DAY. Dick's staff will help us with Basketball, Bags, Pickle Ball, and baseball. Fun and lunch will be had by all! Sign up and mark your calendars!

**pf HIGH SCHOOL
SUMMER
PASS '23**

REGISTER NOW

Planet Fitness Now through August 31st, teens between the ages of 14-19 can work out for free all summer long! Plus, we're giving away \$200,000 to high schools and students! Teens who register can help win a grant for their school and participate in a video contest for a chance to win a scholarship. Don't wait, register today. <https://www.planetfitness.com/summerpass/registration>

THINGS TO DO:



[Elmhurst Umbrella Sky Installation](#)

Through August 31st – send me pictures!!!!

- [Baha'i Temple](#)
- [Maxwell Street Market](#)
- Take a tour with [Chicago Greeter](#): a FREE 2-4 hour guided visit of Chicago. Greeter visits are customized based on your choice of neighborhoods, language and interests.
- Harold Washington Library Center: [top 10 things to do at HWL](#) including their maker's lab, winter garden, music practice rooms, and rotating events and exhibits!
- SUMMER NIGHT MARKET <https://navypier.org/events/summer-night-markets-2/>

Cheap Tickets:

- <https://hottix.org/>
- <https://www.goldstar.com/>
- <https://chicagoonthecheap.com/>

EXPLORE OUTDOOR NATURE CENTERS

- Crabtree Nature Center (Barrington Hills) – 847-381-6592
- Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center (Willow Springs) – 708-839-6897
- River Trail Nature Center (Northbrook) – 847-824-8360
- Sagawau Environmental Learning Center (Lemont) – 630-257-2045

Sand Ridge Nature Center (South Holland) – 708-868-0606
Trailside Museum of Natural History (River Forest) – 708-366-6530
The Grove, Glenview, IL
Indiana Dunes National Park

Pet Encounters:

- <https://www.thecatcade.org/>
- <https://treehouseanimals.org/cafe/>
- <https://cuddlebunnyccc.com/> In Lakeview and SCHAUMBURG
- <https://theregioncatcafe.com/> Merrillville, IN

Volunteering:

- Feed My Starving Children, Libertyville, Aurora & Schaumburg, <https://www.fmssc.org/get-involved/volunteer>
- Phils Friends, Addison, Wheaton and Crown Point IN, <https://philsfriends.org/volunteer/>
- Ronald McDonalds House- cookies from the heart, Oak Lawn, Winfield, Chicago, <https://rmhccni.org/get-involved/cookies-from-the-heart/>
- Northern Illinois Food Bank, various, <https://www.volunteer-northernilfoodbank.org/need/>
- Cook County Forest Preserve: BBBS is registered as a group, you just need a youth release (attached) <https://fpdcc.com/things-to-do/nature-centers/> <https://fpdcc.com/volunteer/#opportunities>
- Clean Up, Give Back <https://cleanupgiveback.org/>
- PAWS, July 17th 1-3 BBBS Volunteer Event! <https://forms.gle/ifXgTubgMFckBReS7>

Library Museum Pass - free or discounted

- **Air Classic Inc Museum of Aviation**, Sugar Grove <http://airclassicsmuseum.org/>
- **Aurora Regional Fire Museum**, Aurora, <https://www.auroraregionalfiremuseum.org/>
- **Cantigny Park, Wheaton**, <https://cantigny.org/>
- **Cernan Earth and Space Center at Triton College**, River Grove, <https://www.triton.edu/cernan>
- **Elgin History Museum**, Elgin, <https://elginhistory.org/>
- **Naper Settlement**, Naperville, <https://napersettlement.org/>.
- **St. Charles Heritage Museum**, St Charles, <https://www.stcmuseum.org/>

FREE

- **Umbrella Sky Project**, Elmhurst, <https://www.discoverdupage.com/event/umbrella-sky-opening-party/6692/> Through May
- **Kline Creek Farm**, West Chicago, <https://www.dupageforest.org/places-to-go/centers/kline-creek-farm>
- **Millennium Carillon**, Naperville, <https://napervilleparks.org/location/millenniumcarillon>
- **Fox Valley Bike Trail**, various, <https://www.stcparks.org/bike-st-charles/> (bike rentals available)
- **Morton Arboretum**, Lisle, <https://mortonarb.org/>
- **Fullersburg Woods**, Oak Brook, <https://www.dupageforest.org/places-to-go/forest-preserves/fullersburg-woods>
- **Waterfall Glen**, Darien, <https://www.dupageforest.org/places-to-go/forest-preserves/waterfall-glen>
- **Knoch Knolls/DuPage River Park**, Naperville, <https://www.napervilleparks.org/knochknollsnaturecenter>
- **Herrick Lake Forest Preserve**, Wheaton, <https://www.dupageforest.org/places-to-go/forest-preserves/herrick-lake>
- **McDowell Nature Preserve** - Naperville, <https://www.dupageforest.org/places-to-go/forest-preserves/mcdowell-grove>
- **Dupage Forest Preserve**, <https://www.dupageforest.org/things-to-do/calendar-of-events>
- **The 606 Trail- walk, bike, or run along this trail that spans Bucktown, Wicker Park, and Logan Square**
- **Hiking and biking trails in Lake County, IL**
- **Hiking and biking trails in Cook County**
- **Hiking and biking trails in Lake County, IN**

BIGS! We APPRECIATE all the things you do to support your little! If you want to do a little more, here's some ways to help our agency to grow:

- Follow us & Engage on Social Media (@BBBBBCHI)
- Tag Us (@bbbschi) when you post activities with your little (or send us the pics so we can share the awesome things you're doing)
- Share information on our ticket donations program. tickets@bbbschgo.org is an easy way for people to donate tickets to our matches and a receive a tax deduction! As you know, matches LOVE all sorts of tickets!
- If you shop at Walmart, support BBBBCHI: <https://www.walmart.com/registry/registryforgood> - search 60661 for Big Brother Big Sisters Metropolitan Chicago
- Talk about being a BIG with people you know. Share our link if they are curious: <https://bbbschgo.org/volunteer/>

